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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 7, 9 – 17, 20, and 21 are in the application. Claims 1, 15, 20, and 21 are currently amended; claims 2 – 7, 9 – 14, 16, and 17 were previously presented; and claims 8, 18, and 19 are canceled. Claims 1, 20, and 21 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 15 was objected to because of the following informalities: The term "said new oriented device context" should be changed to –said new device oriented context—at lines 2-3 of the claim. In reply to the objection, Applicant has amended claim 15 as suggested by the Office.

Therefore, Applicant requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of claim 15

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 – 7, 9 – 17, 20, and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Diacakis et al. U.S. Publication No. 2002/0116336, hereinafter "Diacakis". Claims 20 and 21 were rejected with the rationale given for claim 1. This rejection is traversed.

Applicant notes that each of the independent claims are submitted herewith for amendment as indicated above in the listing of the claims. Applicant further notes that claim 1 is representative of the amendments made to the independent claims, with claim 1 relating to a method that includes interfacing an identity oriented context system that represents a context of a user based on a context of an entity with a device oriented context system that represents the context of the user based on a context of the device; receiving a request to make a change to a new identity oriented context for

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an identity, wherein the new identity oriented context is associated with said identity and provides an availability status of the identity; mapping the new identity oriented context to a device oriented context for a specific device associated with the identity, wherein the device oriented context provides an availability status of the specific device; and providing data indicative of the mapped device oriented context to a device context oriented application.

Accordingly, it is clear from the amended independent claims submitted herewith that the claimed method, article of manufacture, and apparatus each includes interfacing an identity oriented context system that represents a context of a user based on a context of an entity with a device oriented context system that represents the context of the user based on a context of the device. That is, Applicant's claimed invention includes two different context systems, (1) an identity oriented context system and (2) a device oriented context system. This aspect of Applicant's claimed invention is clearly and thoroughly disclosed in the Specification at paragraphs [0021] – [0055] and FIGS. 1 – 3. As discussed, an identity oriented context system (104) that represents a context of a user based on a context of an entity is interfaced (i.e., in communication) with a device oriented context system (108) that represents the context of the user based on a context of the device. It is clear from Applicant's Specification and claim structure that the recited identity oriented context system and the device oriented context system are distinct from each other.

Regarding the cited and relied upon Diacakis, Applicant respectfully notes that it is not seen where both an identity oriented context system and a device oriented context system are disclosed and interfaced, as claimed. To the contrary, Diacakis only discloses determining an individual's presence with a presence detection engine 18 and using that determined presence to determine an availability for the individual. (See Diacakis, paragraph [0038] and FIG. 4)

Applicant further submits that Diacakis does not disclose or even suggest the claimed aspect of mapping the new identity oriented context to a device oriented context for a specific device associated with the identity, wherein the device oriented

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context provides an availability status of the specific device since Diacakis fails to disclose both of the claimed new identity oriented context system and the claimed device oriented context system.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Diacakis does not anticipate claims 1, 20, and 21. Applicant further submits that claims 2 – 7 and 9 – 17 are also patentable over Diacakis under 35 USC 102(b) for at least depending from an allowable base claim.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (408) 492-5336.

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